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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1-3 and 16) in response to the Restriction Requirement of February 4, 2003. Applicants believe the subsequent election of species is moot in view of the election of Group I.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account

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Respectfully submitted,

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